

WORKFORCE OBSERVATIONS FOR WISCONSIN BAY AREA COUNTIES

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Seasonal Patterns Prevail During September as Unadjusted Unemployment Rates Declines

Unlike August where the rate for the region increased, the seasonally unadjusted unemployment rates for the Wisconsin Bay Area fell slightly

in September. The rate for the region was down 0.3 of a percentage point from August at 4.3 percent. Typically the August to September change for the area has been a decline of 0.1 to 0.3 of a percentage point during the previous three years.

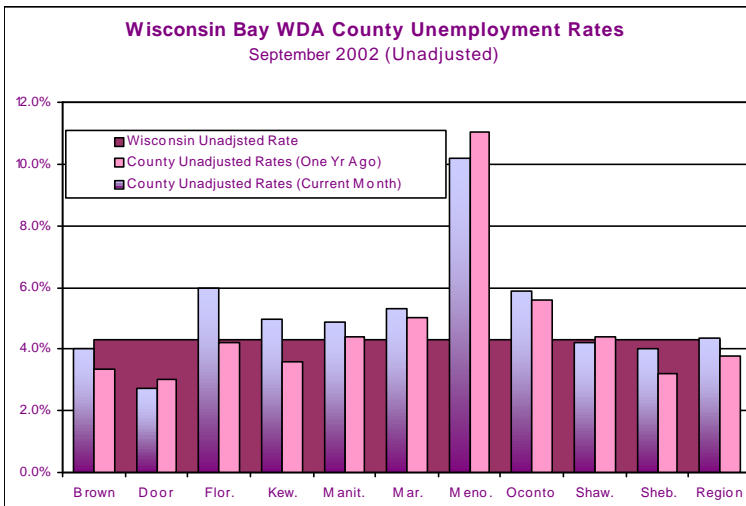
All ten of the region's counties had declines. The declines ranged from 0.2 of a percentage point to 0.5 of a percentage point in Oconto County where the unemployment rate was 5.9 percent. Door County continued to have the lowest rate in the region at 2.7 percent.

Following seasonal patterns, the rate should begin to increase during October, with increases continuing until March. November usually experiences one of the largest spikes in claims. This coincides with the beginning of the gun deer hunting season. This

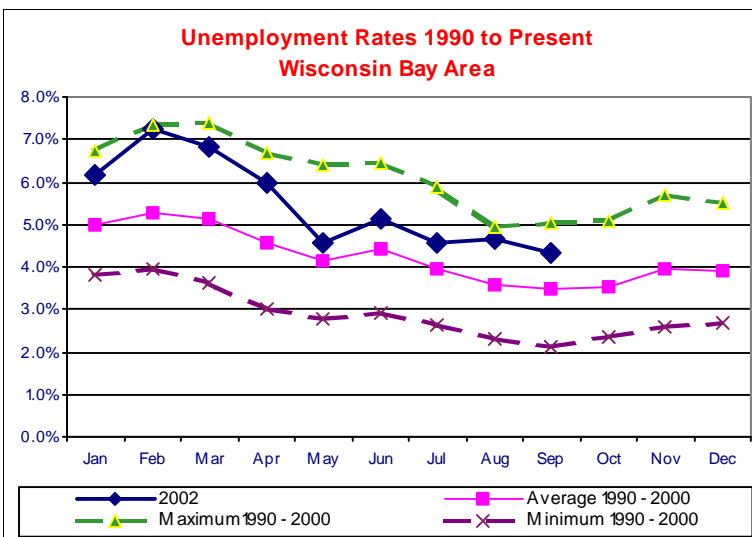
may be somewhat suppressed this year due to the impact of fewer licenses having been sold as hunters ponder the affect of chronic wasting disease.

While the unemployment rates have been high during 2002, they have generally remained below the highs experienced during the recession of the early 1990's.

While remaining below the highs experienced during the last eleven years, the rates have been above the average rate for the same period.



The area had a decline in both the number of workers and the number of employed in September. This is quite typical in September as the tourist seasons finishes up. Fewer workers are needed in many areas of the state, which coincides with many of the workers leaving the job market to return to school or home. The number of workers in the labor force in the region was 343,600, down 4,500 from August. At the same time, employment was at 328,700, down 3,100 from the previous month. Overall, employment and labor force size remains above one year ago.



1,200 during the month. This was offset by a drop of 1,000 in Door County, which is primarily tourist related, and 500 in Sheboygan County, where the decline was in the manufacturing sector.

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Seasonally Adjusted Unemployment Rates for August

The seasonally adjusted rate declined in the Green Bay and Sheboygan MSA's during September. The rate for the Green Bay MSA was down 0.2 of a percentage point to 4.6 percent. This was 0.8 of a percentage point above the one year ago level. The rate for the Sheboygan MSA dropped 0.2 of a percentage point to 4.3 percent.

The nation's unemployment rate was down 0.1 of a percentage point to 5.6 percent. The rate in the State of Wisconsin declined 0.1 of a percentage point to 5.1 percent.

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Wisconsin Bay Workforce Development Area												
September 2002	Brown	Door	Florn.	Kewan.	Mantw.	Marntt.	Menom	Oconto	Shawn.	Sheboy.	Region	Wisconsin
Civilian Labor Force*	141,500	17,800	1,900	10,800	46,400	22,500	2,300	17,500	20,400	62,600	343,600	3,050,200
Employed	135,800	17,300	1,800	10,200	44,100	21,300	2,100	16,500	19,500	60,100	328,700	2,919,600
Unemployed	5,700	500	100	500	2,300	1,200	200	1,000	900	2,500	14,900	130,600
Unemployment rate(%)	4.0%	2.7%	6.0%	5.0%	4.9%	5.3%	10.2%	5.9%	4.2%	4.0%	4.3%	4.3%
Seasonally Adj. Rate (%)	4.6%	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	4.4%	N/A	5.1%
Total, all industries**	148,000	15,400	1,300	6,700	39,000	20,800	2,000	10,600	12,700	61,500	318,100	2,856,100
Construction & Mining	8,500	1,000	100	600	1,900	600	0	600	600	2,600	16,400	135,700
Manufacturing	28,100	2,600	300	1,900	13,800	6,700	0	3,100	2,500	24,600	83,500	572,200
Transportation & Public Util.	11,300	200	0	500	2,400	1,000	0	400	500	1,800	18,200	133,200
Wholesale Trade	7,800	300	0	200	1,000	600	0	100	400	1,900	12,300	137,200
Retail Trade	26,400	4,100	300	1,100	6,000	3,500	100	1,900	2,500	9,000	55,000	508,700
Finance, Ins., & Real Estate	10,300	800	0	300	1,000	600	0	200	400	2,000	15,600	153,600
Services	38,100	4,800	200	1,300	8,600	5,500	0	2,100	3,000	13,200	76,700	809,400
Government	17,500	1,700	300	1,000	4,400	2,300	1,900	2,100	2,800	6,400	40,300	406,100
Change from previous month												
Civilian Labor Force*	-1,100	-1,200	100	-100	-500	-300	-200	0	200	-1,400	-4,500	-41,100
Employed	-500	-1,200	100	-100	-300	-200	-100	100	200	-1,200	-3,100	-24,500
Unemployed	-500	-100	0	-100	-100	-100	-100	-100	-100	-200	-1,400	-16,600
Unemployment rate(%)	-0.3%	-0.2%	-0.2%	-0.4%	-0.3%	-0.3%	-3.3%	-0.5%	-0.4%	-0.2%	-0.3%	-0.5%
Seasonally Adj. Rate (%)	-0.2%	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	-0.2%	N/A	-0.1%
Total, all industries**	1,200	-1,000	0	0	0	0	0	100	200	-500	100	3,600
Construction & Mining	-300	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	-100	-400	-3,200
Manufacturing	-200	0	0	-100	-200	-100	0	-100	-100	-600	-1,200	-5,100
Transportation & Public Util.	0	0	0	100	100	0	0	100	0	100	400	3,400
Wholesale Trade	-100	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	-100	-200	-1,200
Retail Trade	100	-500	0	0	-100	-100	0	0	-100	-200	-1,000	-6,200
Finance, Ins., & Real Estate	0	-100	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	-100	-1,100
Services	700	-400	0	0	-100	-300	0	-100	0	100	-100	-4,000
Government	1,100	0	100	0	400	400	0	300	300	200	2,700	21,000
Change from year ago												
Civilian Labor Force*	4,000	500	200	-300	700	700	100	200	-300	400	5,400	69,300
Employed	3,000	500	100	-400	500	600	100	200	-200	-300	3,400	51,100
Unemployed	1,100	0	0	100	200	100	0	100	0	-200	2,000	18,200
Unemployment rate(%)	0.7%	-0.2%	1.7%	1.4%	0.5%	0.3%	-0.8%	0.3%	-0.2%	0.8%	0.5%	0.5%
Seasonally Adj. Rate (%)	0.8%	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	0.8%	N/A	0.6%
Total, all industries**	1,200	300	100	-400	-100	300	100	0	-300	-1,800	-500	15,100
Construction & Mining	200	0	0	0	100	0	0	0	0	-400	0	2,800
Manufacturing	-500	0	0	-200	-200	0	0	-300	0	-1,400	-2,700	-12,900
Transportation & Public Util.	300	0	0	0	200	0	0	0	0	0	400	-1,200
Wholesale Trade	300	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	300	-300
Retail Trade	600	100	0	0	100	100	0	0	0	0	1,000	2,300
Finance, Ins., & Real Estate	-300	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	-300	2,800
Services	200	200	0	0	-100	300	0	100	-100	0	600	27,100
Government	400	-100	0	-200	0	-100	100	200	-100	0	200	-5,600

* Includes participants residing in area. ** Includes employment with employers located in area. Estimates are NOT seasonally adjusted.

Current month estimates are preliminary. Totals may not add due to rounding. Calculations based on unrounded numbers. NFWS data is benchmarked to 3/2001

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